

Pelican Township Annual Meeting
March 8, 2016
Pelican Rapids Fire Hall
5:00 PM

Clerk Nelson called the Pelican Township Annual meeting to order at 5:00 PM and followed with the Pledge to Allegiance to the Flag.

Town Board members present: Paul Restad, Dennis Ouren, Thomas Langseth, Sheila Johnson, and Lloyd Nelson, absent – none. Others present: Don Schroeder, Bill Wells

Tom moved and Dennis seconded to elect Don Schroeder as Moderator. Carried. Lloyd turned the meeting over to Don.

The minutes of the previous year's annual meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer's report for 2015 was approved as read.

Old business. Discussion of road maintenance along the new road past Bakken's and McGrands. Should do something for the inside corner to try to keep people from driving down too long and destroying corner.

Discussion of Township sign replacement; contracted with A&H Signs to update the entire Township, completed last fall.

New business.

Recap of road projects in 2015 and plans for 2016. Would like to have the Golf Course Road resurfaced. Will need to work with the City of Pelican. Board to get quotes for work and then will reach out to the City of Pelican.

Lloyd provided a summary of the Ambulance Service contract; continue to support the Ambulance Service at \$12.50 per capita; total for 2016 is \$7812.50.

Lloyd presented the recommendation from the Town Board for the Tax Levy, \$180,000. \$128,500 for Road and Bridge, \$18,500 for Fire Fund, and \$33,000 for the General Fund. Lloyd noted that the levy amounts were determined by reviewing the actual spend in 2015 and the projections for 2016 based upon road projects, elections, balance in accounts, etc.

Sheila Johnson moved and Tom Langseth seconded to set the annual levy at \$180,000. Carried.

Lloyd presented the grant funding requests that had been received from the Otter Tail County Historical Society and the Pelican Rapids Public Library. Lloyd moved and Dennis seconded to recommend funding the Library at \$4,000 and Otter Tail County Historical Society at \$500.00, the same level as last year. Carried.

Paul raised an issue on behalf of Ms. Vetter with respect to vacating a dedicated road along Trigg Beach. Pelican Township has never maintained the roads; but a formal process will need to be done. After discussion as to whether or not there should be a petition or whether to start the process at the Annual Meeting, based on the discussion noting this is just the start of the process and Ms. Vetter would need to provide a \$3000 deposit to the Township to offset any legal expenses, the balance to be remitted back to her if not used, the follow resolution was adopted:

Pelican Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO INITIATE THE VACATION OF A TOWN ROAD

WHERE AS, the issue of vacating the following described road was raised and discussed at the annual meeting of the electors of Pelican Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota on March 8, 2016:

General Description of Town Road: Lots 8 and 11 of Trigg Beach in Pelican Township, Section 11, on Prairie Lake in Otter Tail County.

WHERE AS, Minn. Stat. 164.06, subd. 1 allows a town board to initiate the town road establishment, vacation, or alteration procedure contained in Minn. Stat. 164.07 upon receiving authorization of town electors;

WHERE AS, the town electors determined that it is in the best interests of the town to authorize the town board to initiate the road procedure in Minn. Stat. 164.07 without having to obtain the petition described in Minn. Stat. 164.07, subd. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the electors of Pelican Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota hereby authorize the town board to initiate the road vacation procedure in Minn. Stat. 164.07 regarding the above referenced road.

Adopted this 8th day of March 2016.

Don Schroeder, Moderator

Attest: Lloyd Nelson, Clerk

Barbara Garrity was present to discuss the improved financial condition of the various components of the Hospital District as well as to provide a construction update. Construction is moving along well; will have 36 private rooms in the nursing home once finished. Not changing the total number of licensed beds, but all will now be private, which has been a significant issue for the Nursing home. Barbara also noted that the reimbursement rate for expenses from the State of Minnesota has increased, so in time the economics of the total facility will increase. Overall, the Hospital District passed a \$350,000 tax levy for the year. They hope that will carry them and going forward it will not be necessary to continue with a tax levy.

General discussion on time and location for meeting; continue to hold at 5:00 pm in the Fire Hall. Next annual meeting will be Tuesday March 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Firehall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Lloyd Nelson, Clerk